



FINGERTIP FACTS & FIGURES

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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY REGIONS

	December, 1979			December 31, 1979	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
	(Million Board Feet)				
SOFTWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Pine Region	522	511	571	523	1,175
Douglas Fir Region	610	604	634	529	866
Western Pine Region	644	673	695	403	1,309
California Redwood Region	137	142	145	138	435
Other Softwoods	106	107	113	248	260
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,019	2,037	2,158	1,841	4,045
% Change - Nov., 1979	-11.0	- 6.9	+ 6.4	+ 7.0	- 0.4
% Change - Dec., 1978	-14.9	-14.1	-10.1	- 8.9	+ 1.0
HARDWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Hardwood Region	271	251	242	256	558
Appalachian Hardwood Region	125	106	101	*	*
Other Hardwoods	216	195	187	114	648
TOTAL HARDWOODS	612	552	530	370	1,206
% Change - Nov., 1979	- 5.3	- 6.4	-10.6	- 5.6	+ 5.2
% Change - Dec., 1978	+ 1.7	- 4.7	- 4.5	-35.4	+50.4
TOTAL LUMBER	2,631	2,589	2,688	2,211	5,251
% Change - Nov., 1979	- 9.7	- 6.8	+ 2.5	+ 4.7	+ 0.8
% Change - Dec., 1978	-11.6	-12.2	- 9.1	-14.7	+ 9.3
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
FLOORING:					
	(Thousand Board Feet)				
Oak Flooring Region	6,970	4,914	4,442	7,013	5,410
Maple Flooring Region	1,638	1,571	1,387	12,290	1,497
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD:					
	(Thousand Square Feet 3/8" Basis)				
Total All Regions	1,258,934	1,244,203	1,197,569	840,718	291,073
% Change - Nov., 1979	-18.6	-19.2	-18.4	- 5.3	-12.3
% Change - Dec., 1978	-17.7	-14.8	-28.0	-18.6	+ 0.5

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

PRODUCTION

SHIPMENTS

	Percent Change From				Percent Change From		
	Dec. '79	Nov. '79	Dec. '78		Dec. '79	Nov. '79	Dec. '78
	(Million Board Feet)				(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg .	6,692	-11.0	-19.2	Southern Pine Reg .	6,768	-12.3	-18.0
Douglas Fir Reg . .	8,571	+ 6.5	-10.7	Douglas Fir Reg . .	8,302	+ 6.4	-12.3
Western Pine Reg. .	9,482	- 6.5	-15.3	Western Pine Reg. .	9,683	- 1.5	-12.6
Calif. Redwood Reg.	1,955	- 2.3	-14.4	Calif. Redwood Reg.	2,058	+21.8	-13.4
Other Softwoods . .	1,398	- 7.8	-14.5	Other Softwoods . .	1,420	- 4.4	-13.7
Total Softwoods .	28,098	- 3.9	-14.8	Total Softwoods .	28,231	- 1.0	-14.0
Total Hardwoods .	8,026	- 2.7	+ 1.7	Total Hardwoods .	7,385	- 0.2	- 4.7
TOTAL LUMBER. .	36,124	- 3.6	-11.6	TOTAL LUMBER. .	35,616	- 0.8	-12.2

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

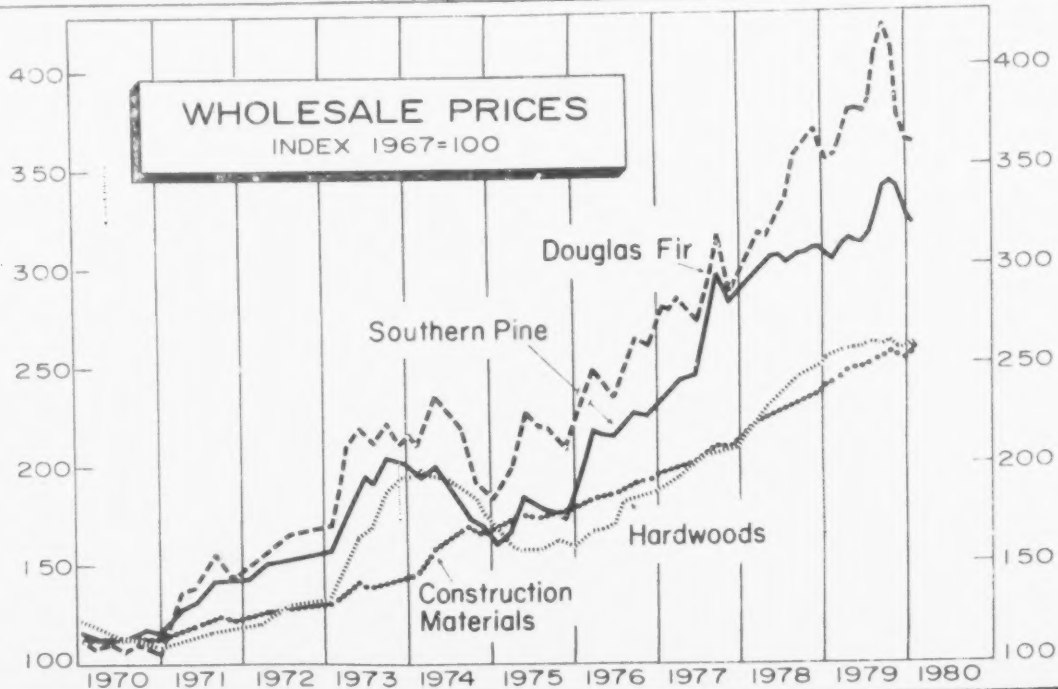
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber - 12 mos. '79.	37,398	36,952	36,570
Total Lumber - 12 mos. '78.	38,078	38,124	38,081
% Change.	- 1.8	- 3.1	- 4.0
Softwood Lumber -12 mos. '79.	29,439	29,397	29,218
Softwood Lumber -12 mos. '78.	30,676	30,752	30,612
% Change.	- 4.0	- 4.4	- 4.6
Hardwood Lumber -12 mos. '79.	7,959	7,555	7,352
Hardwood Lumber -12 mos. '78.	7,402	7,372	7,469
% Change.	+ 7.5	+ 2.5	- 1.6

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

	Percent Change From			Percent Change From
	Dec. 79	Nov. 79	Dec. 78	12 mos. 79 12 mos. 78
	(Million Board Feet)			
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS	771.9	- 15.2	- 19.1	11,523.1 - 5.5
Softwoods	747.1	- 15.4	- 19.1	11,117.6 - 5.9
From Canada	734.6	- 16.5	- 19.8	11,068.5 - 5.8
Other Sources	12.5	+293.4	+ 60.4	49.1 -22.8
Hardwoods	22.9	- 7.3	- 25.3	376.2 + 4.0
From Canada	5.9	- 4.9	- 17.7	86.7 -15.5
Other Sources	17.0	- 8.1	- 27.7	289.5 +11.9
Other (not specified)	1.9	- 30.8	+199.0	29.3 +138.5
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	180.4	- 3.8	+ 22.2	2,141.8 +24.9
Softwoods	148.3	- 1.8	+ 30.4	1,744.7 +27.4
Hardwoods	22.2	- 20.3	+ 32.3	306.6 - 4.2
Other (not specified)	9.8	+ 13.1	+872.7	90.5 +251.0
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CANADA	42.4	- 30.4	- 23.1	652.3 + 10.5

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Dec. '79	Nov. '79	Dec. '78	12mos. '79	12mos. '78
<u>Value of all NEW CONSTRUCTION</u>	(Millions of Dollars)				
Put in Place	18,431	-10.9	+ 7.5	227,108	+10.1
Private	14,807	- 8.7	+ 8.5	178,457	+11.3
Residential	7,292	-15.1	- 0.3	97,580	+ 4.4
Nonresidential & Other	7,515	- 1.4	+18.7	80,877	+20.8
Public	3,624	-18.9	+ 3.4	48,651	+ 6.2
	Jan. '80	Dec. '79	Jan. '79	1 mo. '79	1 mo. '78
<u>NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED</u>	(Thousands of Units)				
Total Private & Public Starts	73.2	-18.9	-17.2	73.2	-17.2
New Private Starts	72.9	-19.1	-17.3	72.9	-17.3
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates	1,420	- 6.4	-17.8		
One-Family Housing Starts	49.1	-13.7	-14.6	49.1	-14.6
(Proportion of Total Starts)	67.1			67.1	
	Dec. '79	Nov. '79	Dec. '78	12mos. '79	12mos. '78
<u>BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED</u>	(Millions of Dollars)				
All Private Construction	6,263	-15.3	- 8.0	104,250	+ 2.6
New Housing Units	2,905	-17.2	-24.5	54,705	- 7.1
New Nonresidential	2,581	- 9.7	+11.7	37,097	+15.3
Additions and alterations	698	-21.0	+25.3	11,040	+19.4
		(Number of Units)			
Shipments of <u>MOBILE HOMES</u>	14,600	-26.3	-14.1	275,900	+ 0.1



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

U. S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION	CURRENT			YEAR - TO - DATE	
	Latest Period Available*	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	QIII '79	QII '79	QIII '78	9 mos. '79	9 mos. '78
(Million Board Feet)					
*QIV '79 available next month					
Total	12,208	- 0.2	- 4.1	35,591	- 2.9
Softwoods	10,317	+ 0.5	- 4.2	29,854	- 4.1
Hardwoods	1,891	- 3.7	- 3.1	5,737	+ 4.1

Total EMPLOYMENT - (Seasonally Adjusted)	% Change From		
	Jan. '80	Dec. '79	Jan. '79
(Thousands of Employees)			
All Industries.	90,536	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
All Manufacturing Industries.	20,867	- 0.1	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products.	738	- 0.4	- 3.9
Furniture and Fixtures.	484	+ 0.4	- 2.6

WHOLESALE PRICES	% Change From		
	Jan. '80	Dec. '79	Jan. '79
(Index - 1967 = 100)			
All Commodities	254.7	+ 2.1	+15.5
All Construction Materials.	259.1	+ 1.5	+ 7.3
Lumber and Wood Products.	290.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
All Lumber.	336.3	- 0.8	- 0.1
Softwood Lumber	355.7	- 1.1	- 0.6
Douglas Fir Lumber.	363.4	- 0.5	+ 1.7
Southern Pine Lumber.	322.0	- 1.9	+ 4.9
Other Softwood Lumber	362.0	- 1.0	- 4.3
Hardwood Lumber	261.1	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
Millwork.	254.1	+ 1.5	+ 3.9
Softwood Plywood.	288.8	- 1.2	-16.7
Hardwood Plywood.	174.8	0.0	+13.1
Wood Household Furniture.	210.9	+ 1.7	+10.3
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	237.4	+ 2.8	+14.7
Steel Mill Products	293.7	+ 1.5	+ 8.2
Aluminum Shapes	256.9	+ 0.7	+ 7.1
Concrete Products	264.9	+ 4.6	+12.4
Structural Clay Products.	229.6	+ 1.2	+ 9.5

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